

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

No changes to the specification are submitted herewith.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12, ~~28~~ and 45 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 13-17, 19, 21-23, 25-27, 29, 31-34, 38-40 and 46 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version set forth below. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix A.

The optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

1. (Amended) A method of processing banking transactions comprising the steps of:
 - (a) electronically capturing first transaction data reflecting banking transactions conducted by a bank teller;
 - (b) storing the first transaction data in a transaction file;
 - (c) reading the first transaction data from the transaction file;
 - (d) forwarding paper documents associated with the financial transactions conducted by the teller to a back office location;
 - (e) generating second transaction data reflecting information contained on the paper documents; and
 - (f) linking the first and second transaction data with respect to a common financial transaction

(g) processing the first and second transaction data to complete the banking transactions.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein steps (c) and (g) occur at the central location.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 6 further comprising the step of electronically transmitting the consolidated file from the central location to a different location, wherein steps (c) and (g) occur at the different location.

13. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

updating the second transaction data with at least a portion of the first transaction data.

14. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein the portion of the first transaction data is a dollar amount associated with the financial transaction.

15. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the second transaction data comprises the step of imaging the paper documents.

16. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the second transaction data comprises the step of reading Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) data contained on the paper documents.

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17. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of inserting a type identifier into the first transaction data, the type identifier indicating a type of transaction contained in the first transaction data.

19. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of maintaining, at a back office location, a back office aggregate dollar value of the financial transactions contained in the first transaction data.

21. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of electronically capturing the first transaction data further comprises the step of reading Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) data contained on paper documents.

22. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of electronically capturing the first transaction data further comprises the step of entering the amount of a transaction into an electronic file.

23. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein there are a plurality of tellers, the step of electronically capturing the first transaction data further comprises the step of capturing the first transaction data with respect to transactions conducted by the plurality of tellers.

25. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the processing of step (g) includes posting of the financial transactions.

26. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the processing of step (g) includes proof of deposit processing.

27. (Amended) A method for processing banking transactions comprising the steps of:

electronically capturing first transaction data reflecting transactions processed by a teller;

storing the first transaction data in an electronic transaction file;

transmitting the electronic transaction file to a back office processing location;

forwarding paper documents associated with the transactions conducted by the teller to the back office;

reading the first transaction data from the electronic transaction file;

generating second transaction data reflecting information contained on the paper documents;

linking the first and second transaction data with respect to a common transaction; and

performing financial processing using the first and second transaction data.

29. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, further comprising the step of:

updating the second transaction data with at least a portion of the first transaction data.

31. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, wherein the step of generating the second transaction data comprises the step of imaging the paper documents.

32. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, wherein the step of generating the second transaction data comprises the step of reading Magnetic Ink Character Recognition data contained on the paper documents.

33. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, further comprising the step of inserting a type identifier into the first transaction data, the type identifier indicating a type of transaction contained in the first transaction data.

34. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, further comprising the step of grouping the paper documents according to a type of the transaction corresponding to the paper document.

38. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, wherein the step of electronically capturing the first transaction data further comprises the step of entering the amount of a transaction into an electronic file.

39. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 27, wherein there are a plurality of tellers, the step of electronically capturing the first transaction data further comprises the step of capturing the first transaction data with respect to transactions conducted by the plurality of tellers.

40. (Amended) A system for processing banking transactions conducted by a teller, at least some of the transactions having paper documents associated therewith, the system comprising:

a teller workstation, the teller workstation electronically capturing first transaction data reflecting transactions processed by a teller;

a memory coupled to the teller workstation, the memory storing the first transaction data in an electronic transaction file; and

a remote processing facility coupled to the memory, the remote processing facility:

receiving the paper documents,

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generating second transaction data reflecting information
contained on the paper documents,
reading the first transaction data from the electronic transaction
file,
linking the first and second transaction data with respect to a
common financial transaction, and
performing financial processing using the first and second
transaction data.

46. (Amended) The system as set forth in claim 40, wherein the back
office workstation includes a system for imaging the paper documents.